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Twenty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

TRUTH STRUGGLE WORK

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A Sabbath Thought

"The unexamined life is not worth living," said Socrates. But what about unexamined hearts? If we constantly seek distraction, we will never have the time for looking inward. Yet, what is in our hearts determines who we are.

About Today's Bible Readings

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-8

The divine commands Moses tells the people are not meant to be a burden, but are intended to be a source of wisdom and enlightenment for those who wish to serve God.

Responsorial Psalm: 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

R. One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

JAMES 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Before the water is the Word. It is the Word that converts our hearts and moves us to baptism. Always in the beginning is the Word.

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

What is the source of sin? In answer to that question, Jesus points to our restless hearts. The heart - that symbol of love is often the source of evil.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 19:8-9

- V. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The Decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
- R. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.
- V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

THE GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes guestioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard commandment tradition." God's but cling to human He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – September 2nd 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – Holy Mass Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament to follow Mass.

Second Collection for the Missions of the Polish National Catholic Church.

SUNDAY – September 9th Solemnity – Brotherly Love 9:00 AM - Holy Mass

In Memoriam Helen Kubinski

Last week, Helen Kubinski passed to life everlasting. Helen was the mother of our sister, Jane Aldershoff. Helen was also the sister of the late Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski. She was a good, strong woman who gave much of herself to family, friends and the church. Helen will be greatly missed by many. Please pray for the repose of her soul. Also, please pray that the Lord will comfort her family, friends and loved ones during this most difficult time. May she rest in peace.

General Synod

The guadrennial General Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held from October 1st to October 3rd this year at the Our Lady of the Snows Retreat Center in Belleville, Illinois. I will be attending along with our Chairperson, Joe Seliga. Please pray for us and for all of the Synod delegates;

Heavenly Father, Grant us Your grace and blessing, as we prepare to gather together in Holy Synod to seek the Lord Jesus through Your Holy Church. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our Holy Church, that we may be guided by Your Holy Will. Strengthen our bishops, clergy and laity who will gather so that their decisions at Holy Synod may help lead others to Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Human Precepts

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns against "teaching as doctrine, human precepts." The only doctrine or undisputed truths in our lives come from God and God alone. We may think that we as human beings know much and we are inclined to push our thoughts and beliefs onto others. But in reality, we know nothing compared to the Lord. So let's remember to look to God for guidance in our lives, not to flawed fellow human beings.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Tom Goff and Anni Greif. For the repose of the soul of Helen Kubinski. Our Father...

AUTUMN WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

We will hold our annual Autumn Welcome Back Breakfast after the 9:00 AM Mass next Sunday, September 9th.

The suggested donation is:

Adults - \$10.00 Children (under twelve) - \$3.00

Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we welcome home those who were away for the summer. *****

Today's Hymns

The Hymns listed below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books in the pews.

PLEASE, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord! Silence is much worse than singing off key!

Processional Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#110 – Cross Of Compassion

Communion Hymn

#224 – Amazing Grace

Recessional Hymn

#159 – Jesus, My Lord And Saviour